

**3RD ALBANY CONFERENCE
ON COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY**

Phylogenetic & Structural Relationships Among Proteins

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1995

Conference Site: Rensselaerville near Albany, New York USA

SPEAKERS

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Joel L. Sussman, *Brookhaven National Laboratory*

The α/β hydrolase fold: Is this a case of divergent evolution?

Jeffrey L. Thorne, *North Carolina State University*

Using protein secondary structure to better understand protein evolution.

[Jeffrey Thorne, Nick Goldman and David Jones, co-authors]

Shoshana J. Wodak, *Universite Libre de Bruxelles*

Identification of short protein turn motifs by sequence and structure fingerprints.

ABOUT THE 1995 ALBANY CONFERENCE

Like its two predecessors ("Converging Approaches in Computational Biology" in 1990 and "Patterns of Biological Organization" in 1992), the aim of this conference is to explore the computational tools and approaches being developed in diverse fields within biology, with emphasis this year on phylogeny as apparent in relationships on the molecular level. The conference will be designed to provide an environment for a frank and informal exchange among scientists and mathematicians that is not normally possible within the constraints of topical, single-discipline meetings. The theme of the conference - **Phylogenetic and Structural Relationships Among Proteins** - will be developed in five sessions: **3-D Structure Relationship Among Proteins, Data Bases, Phylogenetic Methods, Applications to Molecular Evolution, and Sequence-structure Interface**. Leading specialists in the various disciplines have been invited, with the degree of involvement in novel computational approaches as one of the most important criteria of selection.

We are seeking an interdisciplinary audience consisting of mathematicians, computer scientists, as well as molecular biologists. All participants will be invited to submit abstracts of posters, although submission is not mandatory. **If funding permits**, we will again sponsor **Young Investigator Awards** for graduate students and postdocs.

FORMAT OF THE MEETING

The Conference will consist of a keynote address, three morning and two evening sessions. Each session will be comprised of four 30-minute talks interspersed by question-and-answer periods of 15-20 minutes. A chair is assigned to each session who is responsible for facilitating the discussion, introducing new themes if necessary and providing overview. The chairs will also review submitted poster abstracts for especially pertinent material that might be included in the discussion periods.

Afternoons are free for discussion and workshops. One workshop is being planned on the topic "Integrated data bases: sequence, structure, taxonomy and literature" which would include demos. Another workshop will be held late Thursday afternoon to introduce non-biologists to the main issues of macro-molecular structure and phylogeny to be addressed at the meeting.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference fee of \$495 includes registration, accommodations (double occupancy), meals and transportation between the conference center and Albany Airport. Those wishing to present a poster must send a 1-page (*do not fold!*) abstract along with a check payable to **1995 ALBANY CONFERENCE**. (The Albany Conferences and The Rensselaerville Conference Center do not accept credit cards.) Registration fee and application are required by August 28, 1995. Registration is limited!

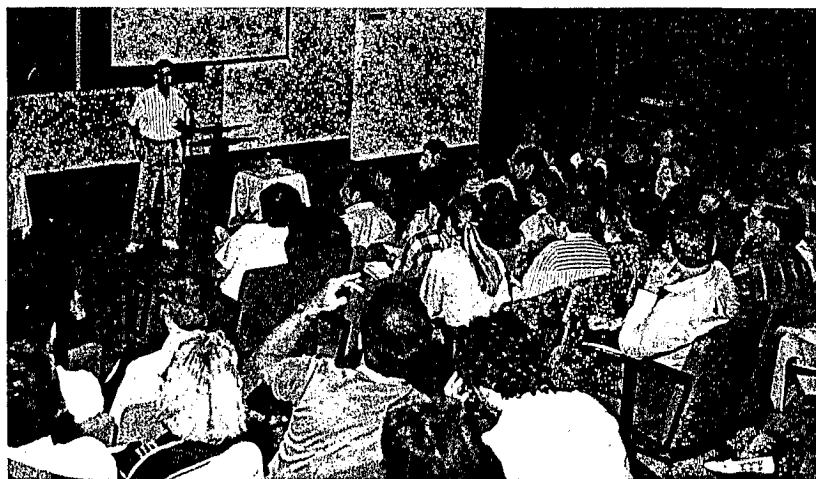
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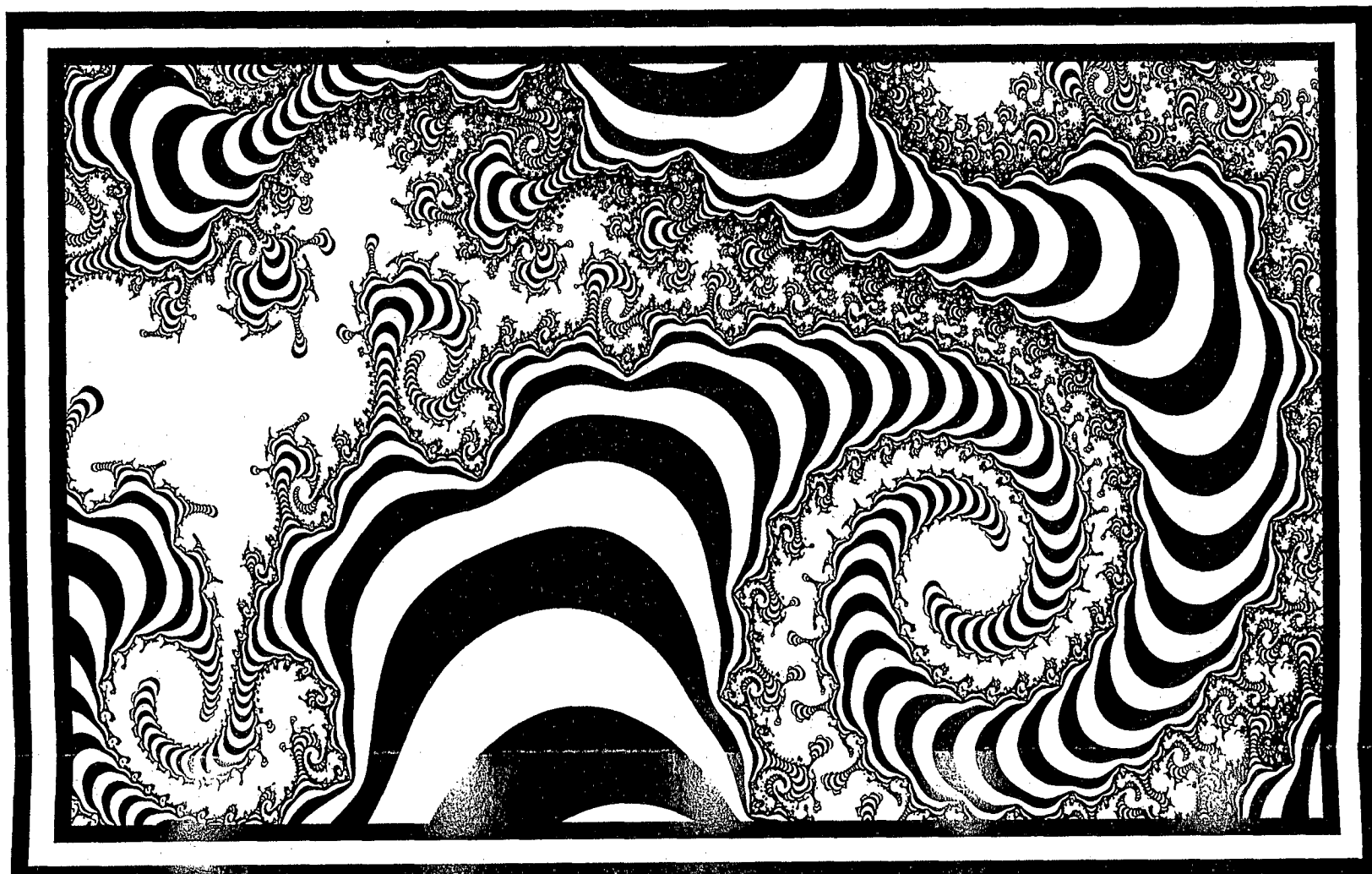
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CONFERENCE AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

THE CONFERENCE begins with an opening session on Thursday evening, September 28. There will be morning and evening sessions on the following two days, and a morning session on Sunday, October 1. Afternoons will include time for informal discussions, workshops, viewing contributed posters, recreation and walks through the picturesque village of Rensselaerville and surrounding hill country. Rensselaerville Conference Center is a modern facility located 27 miles southwest of Albany, New York.

CONFERENCE FEE: \$495 includes registration, double occupancy accommodations, meals, and transportation between the Albany Airport and conference center. A limited (first come, first served basis) number of single occupancy accommodations are available for an additional \$100. [Note: The Albany Conferences and the Rensselaerville Conference Center do not accept credit cards.]

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